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SUBJ: BANAASS: UNION OF BANANA EXPORTING COUNTRIES (UPEB) TO

MEET IN PANAMA

REF: (A) TEGUCIGALPA 1098, (B) QUITO 0977; (C) GUAYAQUIL 135

1. LOCAL PRESS REPORTED MARCH 31, THAT BANANA EXPERTS OF PANAMA, COSTA RICA, HONDURAS, ECUADOR AND GUATEMALA WILL HAVE THREE-DAY SESSIONS BEGINNING APRIL FIRST IN PREPARATION FOR TWO-DAY CABINET MINISTER-LEVEL MEETINGS, APRIL 4-5. SO FAR, FOLLOWING EXPECTED ATTEND LATTE: JORGE SANCHEZ MENDEZ, MIN. OF ECONOMY, INDUSTRIES AND COMMERCE, COSTA RICA; ABRAHIM BENNATON, MIN. OF ECONOMY, HONDURAS; DR. RAFAEL PARDO BUELVAS, MIN. AGRICULTURE AND LIVESTOCK, COLOMBIA, AND PANAMANIAN COMMERCE MINISTER MANFREDO.

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2. UPEB AGENDA INCORPORATES FOLLOWING TOPICS: A) ANALYZE AND

EVALUATE RESULTS OBTAINED FROM GUAYAQUIL CONFERENCE JANUARY 27-31, 1975 (REF C), B) REACH AGREEMENT AMONG BANANA EXPORTING COUNTRIES IN EFFORT TO COME UP WITH UNIFIED PROPOSALS TO IMPORTING COUNTRIES, C) TO STUDY OPEC ORGANIZATION AND BUDGETARY OPERATIONS, D) ADOPT WAYS AND MEANS TO GUARANTEE THE SUCCESS OF THE TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM OF UNITED NATIONS DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM (UNDP), AND E) TO CONSIDER ANY TOPICS MINISTERS MAY WISH TO DISCUSS.

3. COMMENTS: CONSIDERING EVALUATIONS FROM QUITO AND GUAYAQUIL (REF B AND C) IT REMAINS TO BE SEEN WHETHER ECUADOR WILL JOIN UPEB. OTHERWISE MEETING HERE WILL BE JUST A ROUTINE EXERCISE. EMBASSY WILL REPORT FURTHER AS DEVELOPMENTS OCCUR.
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